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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and has the honor to request that the Embassy be provided, as soon as possible, with an official report on the kidnapping and circumstances leading to the death of Ambassador Adolph Dubs.

We would hope that the report would include a copy of the formal Afghan police report on the incident, including firm identification, with photographs, while living or dead, of the perpetrators of the act, and an explanation of the circumstances leading to a decision to assault the hotel room in which Ambassador Dubs was being held. The United States Government also needs urgently a complete ballistics report on the weapons found in the hotel room as well as autopsy reports on the slain terrorists, including whatever forensic information which has been obtained from their bodies.

The information requested is, consistent with the International Protected Persons Convention, needed to document any further prosecution should other conspirators be subsequently identified in the incident.

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The United States Government respectfully hopes that a serious and thorough effort will be made to clarify all aspects of the circumstances leading to Ambassador Dubs' death.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Kabul, February 18, 1979.

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U. S. Embassy Kabul Diplomatic Note No. 42
Submitted to the DRA on February 26, 1979

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and, with reference to the latter's kind invitation of the evening of February 14, which was subsequently repeated to the U. S. security officials by Engineer Sayed Daoud Taroon, Chief of Police and Gendarmerie, requests permission for American officials to view and photograph the weapons possessed by the persons who abducted the late Ambassador Adolph Dubs.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Kabul, February 26, 1979.

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U. S. Embassy Diplomatic Note No. 52 Submitted to the
DRA on February 28, 1979.

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and, has the honor to request permission for officers of the Embassy to visit the Kabul Hotel for the purpose of continuing the United States Government's investigation of Ambassador Adolph Dubs' death. It is requested that they be allowed to take photographs of the interior and exterior of the hotel, including Room 117, during their visit.

The officers would be Mr. Charles K. Boles, Embassy Security Officer, Mr. Ron Kelly, Regional Security Supervisor, and a photographer. They would be grateful if a member of the Afghan Sarandoy could accompany them on the visit.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

February 28, 1979.

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U. S. Embassy Kabul Diplomatic Note No. 53 Submitted
to the DRA on February 28, 1979.

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and has the honor to express its appreciation for the Saranday report concerning the abduction and death of Ambassador Adolph Dubs, which was conveyed to the Embassy under cover of the Ministry's Note 971 of February 27, 1979. The Embassy would appreciate knowing the name and title of the official who prepared the report.

As stated in the Embassy's Note 33 of February 18, 1979, the United States Government requests the following additional reports as soon as they are compiled by the Afghan authorities: an identification of the perpetrators of the abduction, a complete ballistics report on the weapons found in the Kabul Hotel; and autopsy reports on the slain abductors, including whatever forensic information which has been obtained from their bodies.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Kabul, February 28, 1979.

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U. S. Embassy Kabul Diplomatic Note Submitted to the
DRA on April 18, 1979.

The substance of the Diplomatic Note read as follows:

"The United States Government is now at that state in its forensic examination where it needs ballistic evidence, including test-fired bullets, from each of the two handguns and the machine gun found by the Afghan authorities in the possession of the kidnappers. The Embassy therefore requests that the Ministry provide the Embassy with this complete ballistic evidence as soon as possible. It would also be appreciated if an official of the Embassy were permitted to photograph all four weapons, including the grenade."

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U. S. Embassy Kabul Diplomatic Note Submitted to the
DRA on June 9, 1979.

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and has the honor to again express its appreciation for the Sarandoy report concerning the abduction and death of Ambassador Adolph Dubs, which was conveyed to the Embassy under cover of the Ministry Note 971 of February 27, 1979.

The Embassy of the United States wishes to advise that forensic autopsies performed by our government on the body of Ambassador Dubs revealed that multiple bullets struck the Ambassador inflicting wounds to the head, neck, chest and extremities. Forensic examination of the bullets recovered from the Ambassador revealed two types of weapons inflicted these wounds. Bullets removed from the chest area have been positively identified as .25 caliber and bullets removed from the head, neck and extremities have been positively identified as .22 caliber.

The Afghanistan government report on the death of Ambassador Dubs revealed that the following weapons were taken into custody at the place of the incident.

1. A machine gun (CMG) without marks.
2. A hand grenade (No 36M)

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3. A pistol (mouse killer) 777272 Star, with ten projectiles.

4. A pistol (Cal 7.65 mm) with six projectiles.

The United States government has determined that the weapon identified in the Afghanistan government report as "a pistol (mouse killer) 777272 Star" fires .25 caliber bullets. We have further determined that this weapon produced rifling impressions similar to those which were found on the .25 caliber bullets removed from the Ambassador's body. Our autopsy and forensic examinations have determined that no bullets removed from the Ambassador's body were fired from the weapon identified in the Afghanistan government report as "a pistol (cal 7.65 mm)". Furthermore, the weapon identified as a "hand grenade (No. 36M)" inflicted no wounds to the Ambassador.

It has been conclusively determined that the wounds inflicted to the Ambassador's head and neck were fatal and were fired by a .22 caliber weapon at extremely close range.

Due to the serious questions which have been raised as a result of our forensic examinations the Embassy of the United States has the honor to request that the Afghan government undertake a serious and thorough effort to

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address the following questions, as soon as possible, to clarify the circumstances of Ambassador Dubs' death.

- A. Was a .22 cal weapon found at the scene?
- B. If such a weapon was found, may we examine it?
- C. Can the Afghan government account for the wounds which were fatal to Ambassador Dubs, which our investigation shows were fired from a .22 caliber weapon?

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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